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of Active Autoimmunity

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated June 4, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the extension fee of \$1,960.00 based on large entity status and any additional charges and credit any overpayments, during the pendency of this application, to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. For this purpose, a duplicate of this sheet is enclosed herewith.

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